

REMARKS

Claims 6-15 are pending in the application. Claims 11-15 were withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention as described in paragraph 1 of the Office Action. Claims 6-10 were allowed as described in paragraph 4 of the Office Action. Claims 6, 8, 10, 11, 13 and 15 are the only independent claims.

Each instance of the phrase "rolling bearing" throughout claims 11-15 has been changed to --device--. Accordingly, it is submitted that claims 11-15 are not independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that claims 11-15 be joined with claims 6-10.

Further, in light of the amendments to claims 11-15, it is respectfully requested that the outstanding objection to the specification described in paragraph 3 of the Office Action be withdrawn.


Furthermore, it is submitted that claims 11-15 are allowable for the reasons presented in the Response filed June 23, 2004.

Having fully and completely responded to the Office Action, Applicants submit that all of the claims are now in condition for allowance, an indication of which is respectfully solicited.

If there are any outstanding issues that might be resolved by an interview or an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is requested to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number shown below.

Respectfully submitted,

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